

U.S. Patent 5,714,215. We believe that a terminal disclaimer would be possible if recommended by the Examiner. This would remove the prior U.S. Patent as a reference.

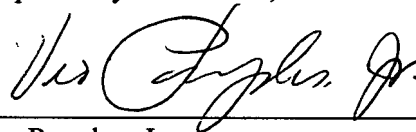
A provisional obviousness double patenting rejection was made with regard to claims 1 through 8 of co-pending application serial no. 08/914,885. As you would note from the documents submitted in that file and confirmed herewith we are abandoning that co-pending application.

THE PLANTE REFERENCE

The Plante reference was cited against claims 1 through 5 as rendering those claims obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103. However, the Plante reference does not mention or disclose or suggest the invention as currently claimed in the more narrowly defined claims 6 through 8. Clearly Plante requires a coiled spring mechanism comprising at least two coils of wire, the need for which is negated by the present invention.

Wherefor the claims are believed to be patentably distinct over the references of record and an early allowance is respectfully requested.

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